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Dear Resident:

It is with great pride that I welcome you to the Town's curbside recycling program! We are excited about our ability to partner with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control who provided us with a grant totaling \$94,622.00 which allowed us to purchase a 96 gallon recycle tote for each single family residence in the Town.

Additionally through cooperation with Waste Management of Delaware, residents will be receiving curb side recycling service every other week beginning on Wednesday, September 07, 2011 at no additional cost to our residents.

In preparation of the start of the program a few things will be happening in the near future. First beginning the week of August 18, 2011 we will begin having your recycling tote delivered to your home. Each tote will be clearly marked and will have an identification number so that we will know exactly what can belongs to what house. Inside the can will be an informational packet. This packet will contain the following information.

- 1. A brochure advising you of the items that are acceptable for our recycling program as well as the items which are not acceptable under our program.
- 2. Notice telling you when your recyclables will be collected.

On Wednesday, September 07, 2011 we will begin our curbside recycling program. This is a "Single Stream" program. A single stream program refers to a system in which you, the homeowner, place all recyclables such as paper fibers and containers together in one container, instead of sorting them into separate containers for items such as newspaper, cardboard, plastic, glass, etc. The advantages of a single stream program are as follows:

- Reduced sorting effort by our residents may mean more recyclables are placed at the curb and more residents may participate in recycling;
- Reduced collection costs because single-compartment trucks are cheaper to purchase and operate, collection can be automated, and collection routes can be serviced more efficiently;
- Greater fleet flexibility which allows single compartment vehicles to be used for refuse or recycling, providing greater fleet flexibility and reducing the number of reserve vehicles needed

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 Since participation requires less work by residents, volume per household may increase.

Recyclables will be collected on every other Wednesday beginning September 07, 2011. On the weeks when recyclables are not being collected Yard Waste will be collected. More information will be contained inside of the containers when they are delivered to your home. Please take the time to review this information as well as the information on the Town's website at elsmere.delaware.gov. Please contact the Town Hall at 998-2215 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Norkavage

Mayor